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To His Excellency Frederick Haldimand, Esquire,  
General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces  
in the Province of Quebec and Frontiers, thereof, etc etc etc

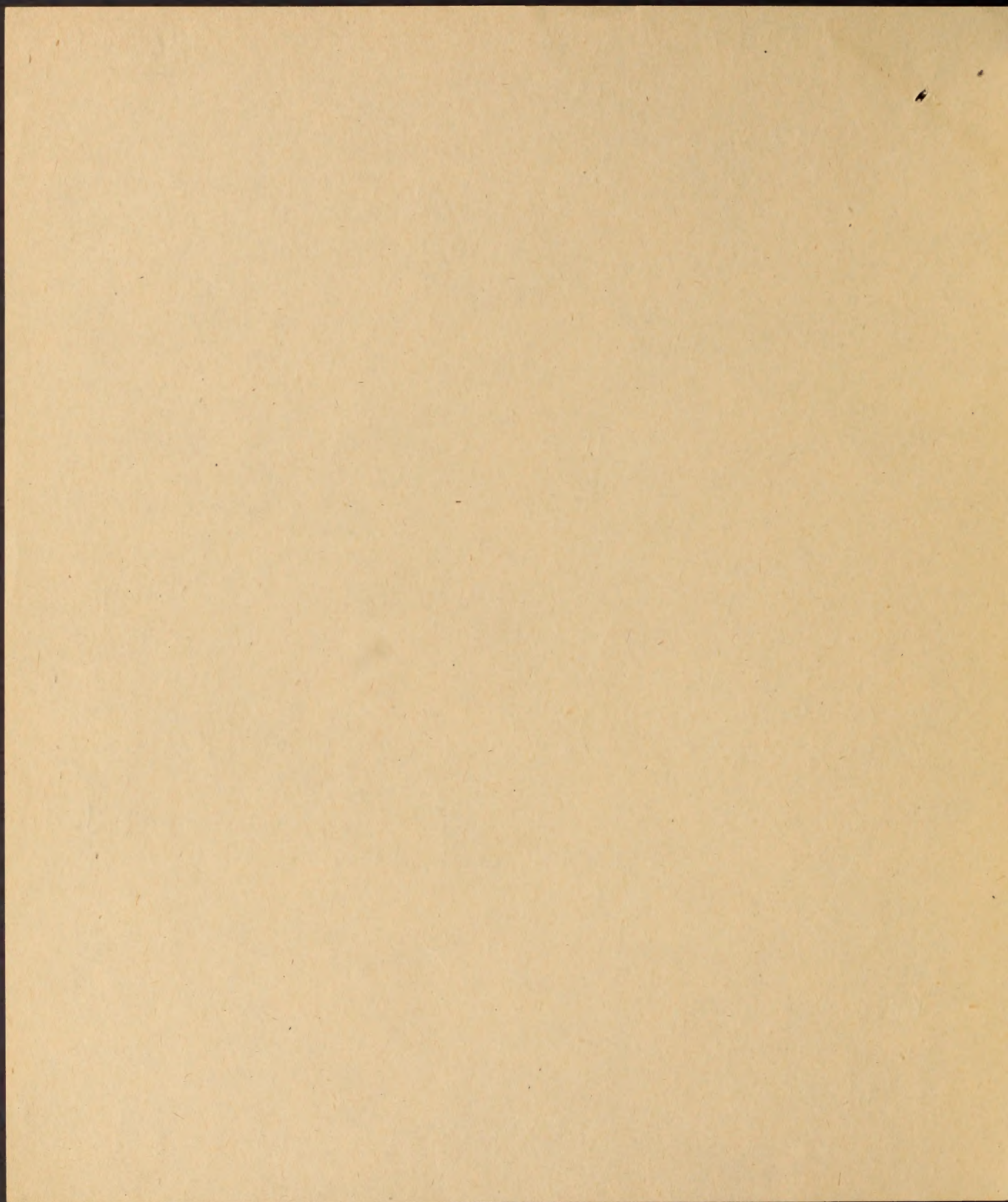
The Memorial of Colonel Allen Maclean, Lieutenant  
Colonel Commandant of the 1st Battalion, 84th Regt.  
Sheiweth,

That in the beginning of the year 1775 the memorialist  
knowing that in North America there was a great many  
Emigrants from the Highlands of Scotland, He had the  
honour to hint to His Majesty's Ministers that the Assoc-  
iations then beginning to be formed by the Rebels might  
receive a very Effectual check by engaging proper persons  
who had influence among the foresaid Emigrants to form  
Counter Associations which with the assistance of the  
loyal part of the Natives, and both being properly  
supported by His Majesty's Governors, and Commanders  
might if adopted in time have produced very salutary  
Effects without having recourse to Arms.

After some Deliberation the measure was adopted  
and the memorialist was sent out with Instructions  
to the Commander in Chief of the Army in America and to  
the Governors of the different Provinces to co-operate with  
him and such other Gentlemen as he should engage. But  
Hostilities having commenced and Rebellion reared its  
horrid head, the memorialist found it necessary to change  
his plan.

The memorialist after having many journeys from







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Philadelphia to New York thence to Boston, back to New York, and from thence to Canada in disguise and often without a servant or baggage, with great expense, imminent danger and incredible fatigue. Had the good fortune to raise two Battalions with one of which he had the Honour to be highly Instrumental in preserving the province of Canada, and the other Battalion has in a great measure protected that of Nova Scotia. The pay money for those Battalions was only forty shillings when four Guineas were allowed at home.

When the memorialist was sent to America, and as he understood by His Majesty's official approbation, Lord North promised that in case of the memorialist's death in the course of the undertaking, his Widow should be provided for by a handsome pension. His Lordship the year afterwards was so well satisfied with the memorialist's zeal in His Majesty's Service that he gave assurance to the Memorialist and to Mrs Maclean that what was engaged to be given on the contingency of his death, should be granted to her immediately.

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